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Faculty shine light on social issues with roundtable discussions

By Jamie Teixeira THE COLLEGIAN

Students, faculty and community members gathered around tables in the K-State Student Union courtyard to discuss social issues as part of Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Week on Wednesday afternoon.

At each table, a different topic was discussed among the groups. Topics ranged from "State Violence and Resistance" to "LBGTQ Resource Center" to "Malcolm X and Ferguson." People milled around, dipping in and out of discussions; the event was relaxed to promote a come-and-go environ-

"There are 12 tables," Tanya Gonzalez, associate professor of English, said. "We've got Diversity in Children's Literature all the way to thinking about racial profiling in Manhattan, really local

The Teach-In was hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences with participation from various departments including English, American ethnic studies, history and sociology. Professors spoke with students about a range of social issues present today in society. Gonzalez said it was a nice collaboration between the departments.

Students were encouraged to discuss social issues with teachers and not only learn from them but share their own ideas. Nicholas Patterson, junior in mass communications, attended the Teach-in as part of a class trip to encourage learning about diversity. Although he was required to go, he said enjoyed the discussions.



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Erica Young, sophomore in broadcasting, talks about pressing social issues with **Katy Karlin**, associate professor of English, at the College of Arts and Sciences Teach-In on Wednesday in the K-State Student Union Courtyard.

"If not for class I would not have known about it," Patterson said. "The main reason I enjoyed it was the professors, but we are drawn to these highly controversial topics."

Among the faculty at the tables was Brandon Haddock, graduate student in geography and coordinator of the LGBT Resource Center. Haddock answered questions and brought up various issues.

"We were asked if we would be available to talk about LGBT issues and about some not talked about problems in the community," Haddock said.

The Teach-in provided an opportunity for teachers to talk to young students and the surrounding community about different issues both nationally and locally.

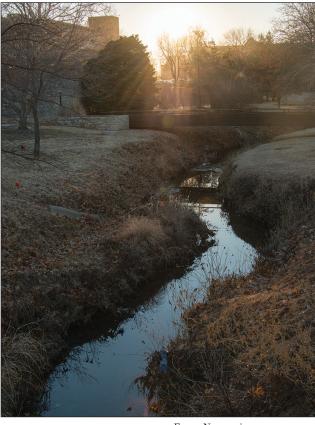
"One of the best things faculty know how to do is teach about (these issues)," Gonzalez said. "It's a chance for an informal or outside of the classroom space to discuss what is actually happening out there."

After several student activist

protests and the hot-button racial and social events of last fall, professors wanted to show that they care too.

"We are using this as a opportunity to teach and show our concern for these topics," Gonzalez said. "We are hoping that it becomes a more regular event for Martin Luther King Jr. Week."

K-State researchers develop new method to study streams



EVERT NELSON | THE COLLEGIAN

Walter Dodds, distinguished professor of biology, and his team of researchers have developed a new method of studying streams like this one across from the International Student Center.

By Bridget Beran THE COLLEGIAN

Professors across K-State's campus are doing research projects to further improve and enrich their field of study. Walter Dodds, university distinguished professor in biology, is one of them.

Dodds led a team of researchers in creating the Stream Biome Gradient Concept, which enables researchers to evaluate streams and the environment that surround them in a new way.

"This model will help us understand how to regulate and conserve streams and protect water quality," Dodds said in a K-State news release. "It's important to think in broad terms and in the context that people, plants and animals interact with streams. Understanding biodiversity is crucial."

The researchers introduced the concept in the Freshwater Science article "The Stream Biome Gradient Concept: factors controlling lotic systems across broad biogeographic scales."

Dodds worked with several other researchers, from K-State and other universities. The team included Keith Gido, professor of biology, and Bartosz Grudzinski, visiting assistant professor of geography. Other researchers

include Melinda Daniels, adjunct professor of geography at K-State and associate research scientist at the Stroud Water Research Center in Pennsylvania; and Matt Whiles, professor of zoology at Southern Illinois University.

Gido, an aquatic ecologist, said he was drawn to the project because of how it could affect the fish and other marine life in streams.

"This concept helps me understand how changes in land cover influences the fish communities in these streams, as well as all the other animals that live in the streams." Gido

Gido said that although the team devoted several years to this paper, he feels the team members have been dedicated to this cause for their entire careers, whether they realized it or

Although the concept started off as a method of just studying prairie streams, it developed and their research showed that it was applicable worldwide. Gido compared the Stream Biome Gradient Concept to the River Continuum Concept, led by Robin L. Vannote in 1980, which measured the physical proportions of a stream or river and attempted to make assumptions off of those proportions.

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'#Meninists' Twitter trend reacts to feminism

By Jay Woofter THE COLLEGIAN

#Meninist is a recent trending topic on Twitter and Tumblr. At first glance, it may be misinterpreted to be males who support feminism. It is not. Self-proclaimed meninists have taken to social media to claim feminism promotes double standards.

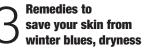
The Twitter account @MeninistTweet claims to have started the hashtag as a parody of feminism. In fact, its Twitter biography said it is "obviously sarcasm." It's true that the meninist account tweets a majority of memes and jokes mocking feminism that may be considered funny by some. However, the humor is lost on a portion of the account's 50,000 followers who do indeed take it seriously.

The hashtag's most popular tweets are mostly about what meninists believe to be double standards.

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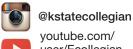
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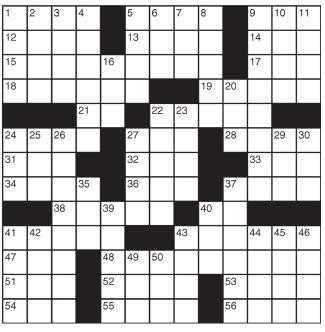
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under the influence, refusal of chemical test and damaging an unattended vehicle. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Christina Maria Reyes, of the 5200 block of Terra

Heights Drive, was booked for theft. Bond was set at \$1,500.

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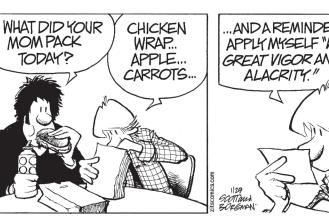
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Due to a Collegian error on page 6 of Wednesday's edition, incorrect times were printed about the Kansas House bill proposal. The bill would prevent the chamber from meeting between midnight and 8 a.m.

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This weather makes me crave BBQ and baseball!

Tough loss against WVU on Tuesday.

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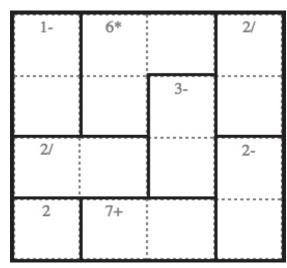
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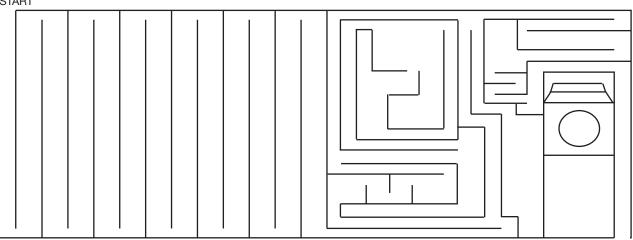
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Keep your skin properly hydrated

By Chloe Creager THE COLLEGIAN

ry skin may seem like a simple enough issue at the surface, but without proper care, it is easy to experience severe symptoms during the winter.

According to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, dry skin occurs when the outermost layer of skin (known as the stratum corneum) no longer contains enough water to function properly. When this layer of skin becomes dehydrated enough, it shrinks and small cracks can appear on the skin, exposing the cells beneath the top layer to irritants and germs.

Dry skin is more common during the winter months than the summer months, according to the American Osteopathic Association.

"During the summer months, humid air helps to moisturize the skin, and the nourishing minerals in vitamin D are more easily accessible because of the vast amount of sunlight." Dr. Robert A. Norman, osteopathic physician and dermatologist from Tampa, Florida, said in a AOA release. "People also tend to drink more fluids in the warmer months, an important component of healthy skin, because of heat and increased activity."

According to UI Hospitals and Clinics, dry skin has a number of serious effects. One of the most common symptoms is itchy skin. Continuous



Photo Illustration by Allison Evans | the collegian

The winter months can be especially hard on skin. Facial lotions with an SPF of at least 30 are recommended to keep your face both moisturized and protected.

itching and scratching can cause lichenification, or thickened calloused patches of skin. Dry skin can also result in inflammation known as dermatitis and itchy, scaly patches of skin known as eczema.

If your skin is severely cracked and yellow crusts or pus appears in the affected area, a bacterial infection has likely developed as a result of damaged skin. To combat this, it is highly recommended to see a dermatologist or physician to begin a course of antibiotic therapy.

According to Norman, there are several steps you can take to maintain healthy skin. First, he recommends avoiding long, hot showers and baths because they will break down the protective oil in your skin and cause moisture loss. Norman also recommends exfoliating to get rid of dead skin cells, using the proper moisturizer for your skin type and not picking at dry skin. Additionally, he recommends using a humidifier in your room to put moisture back into the

air and drinking enough water to remain properly hydrated. While these changes will most likely be helpful, results won't be immediate.

"Skin needs time to adapt to new routines, so don't expect drastic changes overnight," Norman said. "Start following these tips early, and your skin will thank you this winter

According to UI Healths and Clinics, facial and body are the two basic types of moisturizers. There are also four basic classes of body moisturizers: ointment, oil, cream and lo-

Ointment moisturizers, such as petroleum jelly, are the most effective at moisturizing dry skin, but also leave an oily residue on the skin. Oil moisturizers, such as baby oil or bath oil, are less greasy but still helpful for dry skin. Cream moisturizers will disappear without a residue when rubbed into your skin, and lotions are suspensions of moisturizers in alcohol and

For facial moisturizing, Healthline recommends face lotions with an SPF of at least 30 to protect your skin from both dryness and damage from the sun's rays. Rank and Style recommends the use of overnight facial masks and moisturizers, as those work longer to provide skin rejuvenation at a deeper level of skin.

Dry skin can cause a myriad of issues if left unchecked, but keeping your skin happy and healthy is a matter of proper moisturization.



1800 Claffin Road, Suite 160 Date of inspection: Jan. 27

3-501.18(A)(1) In the black reach-in cooler there was a package of Genoa Salami with an open date of Jan. 18 and a discard date of Feb. 1 (past seven days). Corrected on site: discarded.

3-501.18(A)(3) In the black reach-in cooler there was a container of chicken salad (made in-house) with a make date of Jan. 26 and a discard date of of Feb. 2, a package of honey ham with an open date of Jan. 26 and discard date of Feb. 2, a package of mesquite turkey with an open date of Jan. 26 and discard date of Feb 2 and hard salami with an open date of Jan. 23 and discard date of Feb. 6. Corrected on site: all items date marked correctly.

Educational materials distributed. Results: Administrative review



100 Manhattan Town Center #330 Date of Inspection: Jan. 22 **Reason for inspection: Routine**

3-101.11 In the True reach-in cooler across from the server station, there was a gallon of open milk without a date. Person in charge said they didn't know when it was opened. Corrected on site: item discarded. At the bar area there was a bottle of Martini & Rossi with two small flies (one-third of a liter). Corrected on site: item discarded.

4-601.11(A) On the clean utensil rack there was one plastic lid with dried food debris (out of 150 containers/lids) and stored as clean. Corrected on site: moved to ware wash area.

4-703.11(B) The mechanical dish machine was in use and utilizes hot water for sanitization and measured at 152.6 degrees.

3-501.16(A)(1) At steam table number two there was a metal container of black beans with an internal temperature of 118.8 degrees at 12:25 p.m. They were placed on the unit at 11 a.m. Corrected on site: reheated to 165 degrees and placed back at steam table.

Reason for inspection: Follow-up

3-501.18(A)(1) In the reach-in closet below make table number four there was a metal container with seven bags of fish mix with a discard date of Jan. 21. (Note: the establishment has a two-day discard date for sea food). Corrected on site: items discarded.

4-202.11(A)(2) At the ware wash area hanging on hooks, there were four rubber spatulas with deep cracks on the food contact surfaces. Corrected on site: discarded. At the utensil storage rack there were two large lids with broken edges and three large plastic containers with broken edges. Corrected on site: discarded lids and removed containers and not used for food.

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MENINISTS | Claim to be fighting for men's rights, not just reacting



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY RODNEY DIMICK | THE COLLEGIAN While some might use #meninism jokingly or even mockingly, others use it to voice challenges they face as a man in the 21st century.

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One of the most retweeted tweets is about body image saying "I need Meninism because the movie 'Magic Mike' promotes an unrealistic expectation of how men's bodies should look like."

"Meninism sounds like a problematic backlash not taking feminism for what it is," Tom Sarmiento, visiting lecturer in the women's studies department, said. "I consider myself to be a feminist because I believe in equal rights between the genders. I think what

we have to ask ourselves is how can we work together to promote equality instead of having multiple groups all pointing fingers at each other."

One question to ask, however, is if meninism could be taken seriously, or if it really is just an online joke. Ashlee Wolters, senior in public relations, said she believes that men do face challenges that might stereotypically be considered female problems.

"I'm sure some men face issues like rape and abuse, but it's not as big as the problems that women face," Wolters said. "I think every woman could tell you a story about feeling like they were in danger or even experiencing some kind of harass-

However, there is still some doubt. Some believe that meninism really could just be a reaction to feminism gone awry. Karin O'Leary, freshman in animal science and industry, said she thinks that movements that go against successful movements fighting for the marginalized are usually misguided.

"Meninists, online at least, remind me of other reactions to things like civil rights and gay rights," O'Leary said. "There's things like white pride and straight pride that seem to just be full of people who don't really get why we need to fight for equality."

Wildcats shock Cowgirls in overtime thriller

By Ryan Porter THE COLLEGIAN

Oklahoma State's sophomore guard Lakota Beatty couldn't believe it. Neither could K-State head coach Jeff Mittie.

Beatty's desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer in overtime Wednesday fell through the basket, supposedly giving the Cowgirls a stunning 54-52 victory and K-State (12-7, 2-6) a fifthstraight loss.

However, the officials determined that the ball had not left Beatty's hands in time. In the blink of an eye, it was K-State celebrating a thrilling 52-51 overtime win in front of their home crowd in Bramlage Coliseum.

"I think we competed harder," Mittie said, "It was 8-1 rebounding in the first four minutes of the game, which is just ridiculous. You

"... you have got to compete harder and win those plays and I think we did over those 41 minutes. We have got to learn to do that more."

JEFF MITTIE Womens basketball head coach

have got to compete harder and win those plays, and I think we did over those last 41 minutes. We have got to learn to do that more.'

There were some major improvements shown by K-State against the Cowgirls (12-7, 2-6) after losing by 22 points in Stillwater, Oklahoma two weeks ago. Senior guard Ashia Woods scored 18 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, while sophomore forward Breanna Lewis added 12 points herself.

Oklahoma State rallied midway through the second half to force overtime. Down 36-27, the Cowgirls, led by Roshunda Johnson and Liz Donohoe, mounted a 12-2 run to take the lead with eight minutes remaining.

Donohoe, who finished the night with 13 points and six rebounds, helped protect the one-point lead down the stretch with two blocked



RODNEY DIMICK | THE COLLEGIAN

Senior guard **Ashia Woods** powers around a defender on Jan. 28, 2015 at Bramlage Coliseum. Woods scored a total of 18 points and brought down 11 rebounds in the game against Oklahoma

shots with under a minute left in regulation.

However, a foul sent Woods to the line with an opportunity to give K-State the lead. The first swished through the net. The second was no good. As a team, the Wildcats struggled from the charity stripe, completing just 14 of their 29 attempts.

Mishaps at the freethrow line nearly cost K-State in the third period, but clutch shooting from Lewis and senior guard Haley Texada in overtime secured K-State's second win

in conference play.

"I thought we really had some extra possessions," Mittie said. "Ashia Woods with nine offensive rebounds is just absolutely huge. I thought Breanna Lewis made a real good move putting us up by four (points) in overtime. Just a lot of good stuff."

Oklahoma State struggled with foul trouble early in the game. Three Cowgirl starters finished the first half with two fouls, as K-State went into the intermission with a 22-20 advantage.

Texada, who herself

battled foul trouble in the opening 20 minutes, came up big for the home team in the second half. The senior completed back-to-back layups, one for a 3-point play, giving K-State a 5-point lead. She later hit the aforementioned free throw to seal the victory despite Oklahoma State's long 3-pointer try at the buzzer.

K-State will look to carry over the momentum from this win, as the Wildcats now travel to Lubbock, Texas to square off against Texas Tech. Tipoff is set for 3 p.m.

STATE BRIEFS

compiled by Jon Parton

Filing deadline for number of April election passes

With a deadline of Tuesday at noon, the Riley County Clerk's Office listed the final candidates for city commission, city council and school boards. Three seats are up for grabs on the Manhattan City Commission. Six candidates are running for the spots, including John Ball, incumbent Wynn Butler, Mike Dodson, Kaleb James, Jerred McKee and Linda Morse.

The Manhattan/Ogden USD 383 Board of Education has four seats up for election. The race is dominated by incumbents, with only one non-incumbent running. Incumbents David Colburn, Darell Edie, Leah Fliter and Curt Herrman are running to retain their seats while candidate Nicholas Dyer is also fighting for a spot.

Four seats are open in the Riley USD 378 Board of Education race. Eleven candidates are vying for the positions, including Shane Allen (incumbent), Kyle Bohnenblust, Donna Bulk, Jay Caley, Glen Hawkins, Jared Larson, Michael Lindell, Michael McCoy, Randy O'Boyle, Dennis Tegtmeier and

The general election will be held April 7.

Bomb threat in Onaga leads to arrest of juvenile

The Pottawatomie County sheriff's dispatch received a bomb threat at 10:42 a.m. Tuesday morning, according to the Topeka Capital-Journal. The caller specifically mentioned the Onaga Community Hospital and Onaga Elementary School as possible targets.

Both buildings were evacuated and the students were sent home for the day. Late Tuesday, Pottawatomie County Sheriff Greg Riat said a child under the age of 14 was taken into custody and booked with aggravated criminal threat. No explosive devices were found in either location.

Budget director warns Kansas will soon have cash flow issues

Kansas Budget Director Shawn Sullivan warned lawmakers that the state will run into cash flow problems unless budget legislation is passed in the next few weeks, according to the Topeka Capital-Journal.

Sullivan spoke to the Kansas House of Representatives about the potential problems.

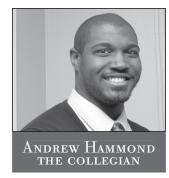
"Cash flow gets tight by the middle of February," Sullivan said. "There's \$45 million of school payments that go

State legislators are currently looking at transferring funds away from a number of programs in order to pay more than \$253 million in debt spending. Current proposals would cut \$55 million from the medical programs feed fund and \$158 from the state highway fund.

Bob Totten, executive vice president of the Kansas Contractors Association, is opposed to the transfer of state highway funds because he said it will undermine T-Works, the state's transportation improvement program.

"We know further cuts or transfers from (Kansas Department of Transportation) will jeopardize the completion of T-Works as it was conceived and passed in 2010," Totten wrote in a statement. "We believe that in addition to filling the budget holes in the coming years, projects in 2018, 2019 and 2020 are at risk."

Big 12 women's basketball power rankings: Baylor tops conference again



As we near the halfway point of the Big 12 season, the conference sits among the elite in the women's game. While the Big 12 is anchored by the Baylor Bears once again, there are several others who are looking to knock Kim Mulkey's squad off the top

Here's how they rank:



1. No. 3 Baylor (19-1, 8-0)

After an early loss to Kentucky, the Bears have been on a roll through their nonconference schedule and now into Big 12 action. After a 68-46 win over K-State this past Saturday, the victories should continue to roll in as this Baylor team is once again a true Final Four contender.



2. No. 24 Oklahoma (13-5, 7-0)

Sooners head coach Sherri Coale is a strong candidate for Big 12 Women's Coach of the Year at this point in the season. After a 9-9 finish in the conference a year ago, Coale has her team in prime position to contend with Baylor for the Big 12 crown.



3. Iowa State (14-5, 5-3)

The Cyclones are currently one of the hottest teams in the Big 12. After starting 2-2 in the conference, the Cyclones rattled off three-straight wins before falling to Kansas Wednesday. Iowa State will have a chance to improve its

resume with two games against Oklahoma and a third against Baylor on the horizon.



4. No. 14 Texas (14-4, 3-4)

Despite a national ranking, Texas would like a fresh start in the conference. The Longhorns started 2-0 in before dropping four of their last five games, as well as losing their leading scorer, junior Nneka



One of the early surprises along with Oklahoma has been TCU. The Horned Frogs are averaging 69.2 points per game and junior Zhana Medley is among the conference leaders in scoring. The early Big 12 slate has been generous to the Horned Frogs thus far, so expect the second-half to be more of a test.



6. Texas Tech (13-7, 3-5) Another team that started

off 2-2 and has quickly nosedived, the Red Raiders are also in danger of missing the NCAA Tournament. One saving grace for Texas Tech has been the 3-point shooting of sophomore Minta Spears, who leads the conference at over 46 percent from behind the arc.



7. Kansas (12-9, 3-5)

After five-straight losses in conference play, the Jayhawks are starting to get back on track as they enter the halfway point of the season. One of the main reasons behind the resurgence in Rock Chalk land is senior Chelsea Gardner, who's among the league leaders in scoring at over 16 points a contest. Kansas still has to go on the road to Waco, Texas and Norman, Oklahoma, though, so fighting to get above .500



8. Oklahoma State (12-7, 2-6)

Oklahoma State's 2-2 start in Big 12 play has gone south quickly. With four-straight losses to West Virginia, Oklahoma, TCU and, on Wednesday, K-State, an NCAA Tournament bid could be hanging in the balance much sooner than the Cowgirls expected.



9. West Virginia (12-8, 2-6)

If there's one team who was dealt a brutal hand to start the 2014-15 Big 12 season, it was certainly West Virginia. The Mountaineers faced Oklahoma, Texas and Baylor in the span of six days, losing

all three. To make matters worse, West Virginia then dropped games to Texas Tech twice — and Kansas. The Mountaineers will look to turn their fortunes around Saturday against Oklahoma.



10. Kansas State (12-7, 2-6)

That sound you hear? That's the K-State women's team slamming the reset button on its Big 12 campaign to date. Sophomore guard Kindred Wesemann and senior Haley Texada have been solid fixtures for their team, but the Wildcats have simply been too inconsistent at times. However, a win Wednesday over Oklahoma State is a step in the right direction for this team.

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STREAMS | Researchers hope to change views on stream ecosystems

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The researchers received funding support from the National Science Foundation, the Konza Long-Term Ecological Research program and the International Grasslands Center.

"We're hopeful that this work will help people develop a broader and more comprehensive view of the way that

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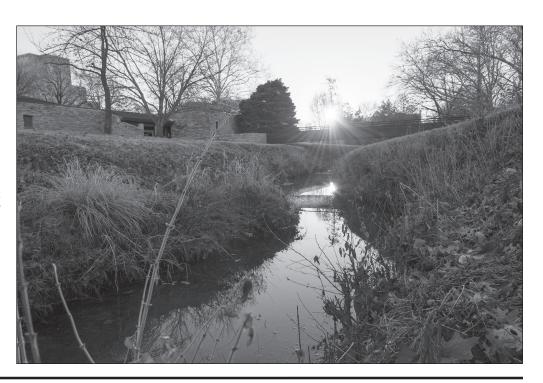
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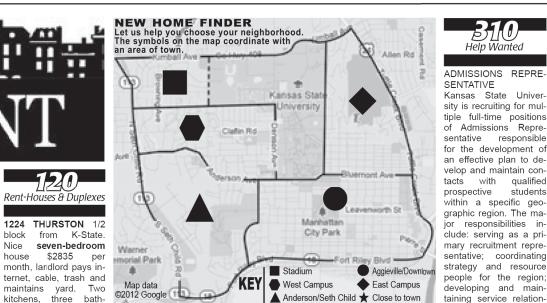
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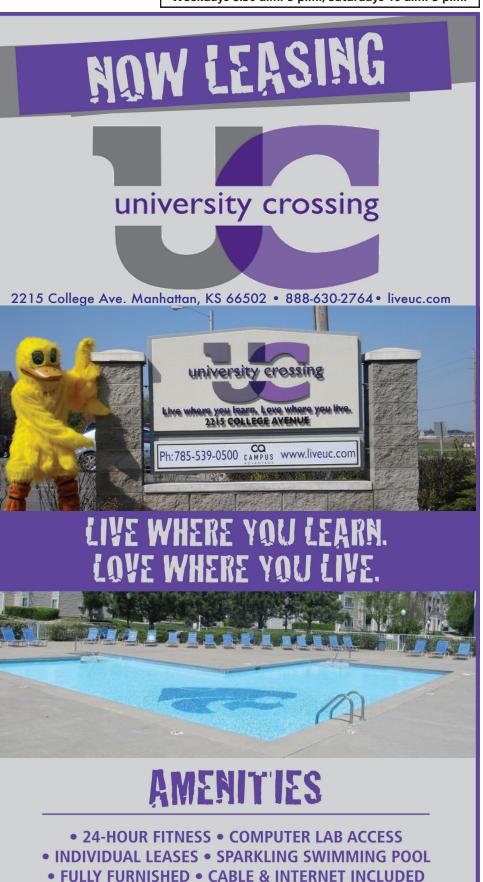
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